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SUBJECT: ZAMBIAN HOPES FOR NEGOTIATED SETTLEMENT
IN PORTUGUESE AFRICA

1. AT FAREWELL DINNER AT NUNCIO'S FOR DEPARTING ITALIAN AMB, APRIL 25, PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL ADVISOR MARK CHONA CALLED ME ASIDE AND SPEND SOME TIME STATING HIS BELIEF THAT PORTUGUESE COUP SIGNALLED TIME RIPE TO PUSH HARD FOR POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR PORTUGUESE AFRICAN TERRITORIES SO AS TO AVOID FURTHER MILITARY ESCALATION.

2. INDICATED HE AND PRESIDENT KAUNDA HAD GIVEN CONSIDERABLE THOUGHT TO CONDITIONS, OBJECTIVES AND TERMS WHICH MIGHT BE MINIMUM ACCEPTABLE TO NEW PORTUGUESE GOVERNMENT IF IT WILLING TO NEGOTIATE. CHONA ADVOCATED TWO STAGE NEGOTIATIONS, FIRST TO SEEK AGREEMENT BETWEEN GOP AND LIBERATION GROUPS THAT MILITARY SOLUTION IMPOSSIBLE; SECOND, TO SEEK AGREEMENT PRO-
TECTING GOP SPECIAL INTERESTS IN FOREIGN POLICY,
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EXCHANGE FOR NEW POLITICAL SYSTEM GRANTING SELF
DETERMINATION TO AFRICAN TERRITORIES. NATURALLY
ZAMBIA AVAILABLE TO USE ITS GOOD OFFICES TO BRING PARTIES
TOGETHER BUT NEEDS BLESSING AND PUSH OF USG TO GET
NEGOTIATIONS STARTED.

3. CHONA URGED EARLY USG INFLUENCE TO INDUCE NEW
GOP TO START TALKING AND STOP SHOOTING. I EXPLAINED TO
HIM OUR LACK OF ENTHUSIASM FOR EARLIER DUTCH PROPOSAL
TO BRING EUROPEAN AND US PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GOP
UNDER CAETANO; FAILURE OF EUROPEANS THEMSELVES TO AGREE
ON STRATEGY; REBUFFS OF EARLIER USG ENTREATIES TO GOP FOR
GREATER MEASURE OF AUTONOMY; OUR DOUBTS THAT DISTURBED
INTERNAL POLITICAL SITUATION FOLLOWING APPEARANCE SPINOLA'S
BOOK WAS CORRECT TIME TO PROBE AGAIN WITHOUT EXPECTING
CRLZICISM OF INTERVENTION; AND FINALLY, INHIBITING FACT OF
OUR STRATEGIC INTERESTS IN AND UNSETTLED NATURE OF AZORES BASE
NEGOTIATIONS. CHONA UNDERSTANDING AND UNCRITICAL ON LAST POINT,
BUT STILL ARGUED FOR MOVEMENT NOW IF EVOLVING SITUATION IN
PORTUGAL INDEED CONFIRMED POSSIBILITY OF GREATER RECEPTIVITY
TO NEGOTIATIONS WITH PEOPLES OF AFRICAN TERRITIORIES.

4. CHONA RESTATED HIS BELIEF THAT THREE PORTUGUESE AFRICAN
TERRITORIES WERE THE KEY TO THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM; IF
THREE GRANTED SELF DETERMINATION, THE PROBLEMS IN RHODESIA
AND SOUTH AFRICA WOULD IN TURN AND IN TIME FALL IN PLACE. SAID
FOREIGN MINISTER MWAANGA HAD BEEN INSTRUCTED TO DISCUSS
FOREGOING WITH SECRETARY AT ABORTIVE APRIL 15 MEETING.

5. I ASKED CHONA ABOUT LOCAL PRESS REPORTS
ATTRIBUTED TO COREMO SOURCE WHICH CREDITED
MOZAMBIQUE'S JOREGE JARDIM WITH LEADERSHIP OF
A UDI MOVEMENT. HE SAID HE HAD NOT HEARD
FROM JARDIM RECENTLY BUT UNDERSTOOD HE WAS IN
LISBON. CHONA SOMEHOW DOUBTED JARDIM WOULD
BE ASSOCIATED WITH ANY MOVEMENT BASED ON HELP
FROM SOUTH AFRICA.
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